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TAGS: CPAS, RP (WOMBLE, JENNELYN)  
SUBJ: REPORT OF BIRTH AND PASSPORT APPLICATION

REF: YOUR LETTER OF DEC 2, 1976

1. EMBASSY HAS READ THE LETTER OF YOUR CONSTITUENT, MRS. JERRY WOMBLE, CONCERNING THE DELAY IN THE ISSUANCE OF A PASSPORT TO HER GRAND-DAUGHTER, JENNELYN, WHO WAS BORN IN THE PHILIPPINES ON JULY 5, 1975.

2. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT JERRY WOMBLE, JR. DID NOT SEEK TO DOCUMENT JENNELYN IN A TIMELY FASHION. HE CAME TO THE EMBASSY ONLY ON OCTOBER 7, 1976 TO EXECUTE JENNELYN'S CONSULAR REPORT OF BIRTH AND PASSPORT APPLICATION. SHE WAS BORN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER HER PARENTS WERE MARRIED AND LESS THAN SEVEN MONTHS AFTER THEY BEGAN THEIR COMMON-LAW RELATIONSHIP, ACCORDING TO AFFIDAVITS FURNISHED BY TWO US CITIZEN WITNESSES. IN ADDITION, THE MOTHER HAS TWO OTHER CHILDREN WHOSE DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATES DESCRIBE THEM AS ILLEGITIMATE.

3. THE EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING INTO A POSSIBLE PRIOR, UNDISSOLVED MARRIAGE OF THE MOTHER, THE ALLEGED PREMATURE BIRTH OF THE CHILD, AS WELL AS THE CLAIMED COMMON-LAW RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARENTS. THE FINDINGS SHOULD BE KNOWN VERY SOON, AND YOUR CONSTITUENT MAY BE ASSURED THAT THE EMBASSY WILL CERTAINLY GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THIS CASE.

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